PLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The strengthening and streamlining of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a continual process. There exists a joint responsibility between the Central Government and the Governments of the States and UTs. While the Central Government is responsible for procurement, storage and transportation of key essential commodities upto central godowns, its further distribution to consumers through the network of Fair Price Shops (FPS) is administered by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Central Government has been advising them, from time to time, among other things, to increase coverage of the population by opening new FPSs, in uncovered/undercovered areas, to issue ration cards to all families, use vans as mobile outlets wherever necessary in far flung, hilly and remote areas; increase commodity coverage by adding, on their own, additional items of mass consumption, etc.

(b) An estimated population of about 72.9 crores was covered as on 31st December, 1989, through the ration cards issued by State Governments/UT Administrations.

हिन्दुस्तान आरगेनिक केमिकल्स लिमिटेड, रसायनी (महाराष्ट्र) में दुर्घटनाएं

342. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिन्दुस्तान आरगेनिक कैमिकल्स लिमिटेड में हाल में कोई दुर्घटना हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो मारे गए तथा घायल हुए व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ग) दुर्घटना के कारण क्या हैं ; और

(घ) मुआवजा देने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिंता मोहन) : (क) से (ग) 2-7-1991 को हिन्दुस्तान आर्गेनिक कैमिकल्स लि० रसायनी, में सल्फर भण्डारण यार्ड की डाइक दीवार के ढह जाने से 7 कामकगारों की मृत्यु हो गई और कोई घायल नहीं हुआ ।

(घ) सरकार ने हरेक मृतक के निकट संबंधी को 25,000 रुपए की अनुग्रह राशि का वितरण किया है यद्यपि इन कामगारों को सीधे कंपनी द्वारा काम पर नहीं लगाया गया था । प्रमुख नियोक्ता होने के कारण कंपनी ने कामगार क्षतिपूर्ति अधिनियम के अंतर्गत न्यायालय के पास 4.52 लाख रुपए की राशि भी जमा की है ।

Commissioning a TV Relay Station at Allahabad

343. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made with regard to the commissioning of a T.V. Relay Station at Allahabad; and

(b) by when it is likely to be commissioned and reasons for delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) A high power (10 KW) T.V. Transmitter has already been functioning at Allahabad since August, 1983. A TV Studio Centre is also envisaged to be set up at Allahabad, as a spill-over scheme from the Seventh Plan. Site for this project has been finalised and orders for part equipment placed on the manufacturers. The normal lead time involved in the completion of a project of this magnitude is about 4 years from the date of formal approval of the scheme by the Government.